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Dear Harold,

Thank you for your kind response.

I agree with you that we should not expect the media to change its perspective on these cases. I believe that you are correct, as well, in your view that a different legal strategy at the time of your fine work on behalf of the defense might have made a difference.

I honestly believe that the nation and all who have followed Lone owe you a debt for the work you did in those early days. It was you alone who provided a dissenting view to the official line and who asked significant questions which went to the heart of the state's case. As I move around discussing my own work I do not intend to allow people to forget your contributions.

My book was initially to be published by a large conglomerate publisher. We had completed all of the extensive libel reads and agreed the text with the lawyers and the editor. Then a corporate decision was taken at the last minute by senior management and I was asked to withdraw an entire chapter. I refused – much to their surprise – and moved the book to Tunnel at Gray, your publishers.

Harold, I regard my own work as

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being built on the investigative foundation you established. What I have learned is worse than anything I imagined. My success has, at least in part, resulted from the fact that I was on the case at a point in time when certain witnesses late in their lives tended to open up, as in the case of Jones facing indictment on the basis of evidence he knew I had obtained.

The breakthrough was not possible at an earlier time, though without the work you accomplished in Frame Up all the foundation it laid in place my own effort would have been quite possibly inexorably poorer.

Harold, when I consider all of the rogue ah cowboy investigators I have encountered in my efforts to secure a trial for Jones, I have often dearly wished that I had someone of your calibre on my defense team. The absence of your sort of talent has hurtus since I have had to attempt to fulfill both roles - legal ah investigative - and you have demonstrated such competence. In a word, you've been missed.

Be well

As always Bill